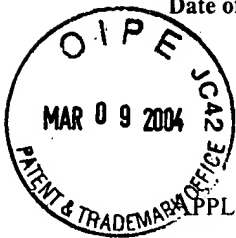


61
Express Mail No.: EV392129755US
Date of Deposit: March 9, 2004

3-10-04
Attorney Docket No. 15966-585A

3-AF
1644



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

APPLICANT: Prayaga *et al.*
SERIAL NUMBER: 09/687,276 EXAMINER: Janet Andres
FILING DATE: October 13, 2000 ART UNIT: 1644
FOR: Novel Polypeptides and Polynucleotides Encoding Same

Mail Stop AF

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

NOTICE OF APPEAL

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.191, Applicants hereby appeal to the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences from the Examiner's October 9, 2003 Office action finally rejecting the claims in the above-identified application. A check in the amount of \$165.00 for filing this appeal is enclosed herewith. 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(b). Applicants have filed concurrently a petition for a two-month extension of time. With the extension, the Notice of Appeal is due on March 9, 2004. The Commissioner is authorized to charge any additional fees that may be due, or credit any overpayment of same, to Deposit Account No. 50-0311, Ref. No. 15966-585A (CURA-85A). A duplicate copy of this Notice is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

Dated: March 9, 2004

Christine K Stock Reg. No. 45,899
Ivor R. Elrifi, Reg. No. 39,529
For Cynthia A. Kozakiewicz, Reg. No. 42,764
Attorneys for Applicant
c/o MINTZ, LEVIN
Tel: (617) 542-6000
Fax: (617) 542-2241
Customer No. 30623

TRA 1894964v1

03/11/2004 CNGUYEN 00000035 09687276

01 FC:2401

165.00 OP